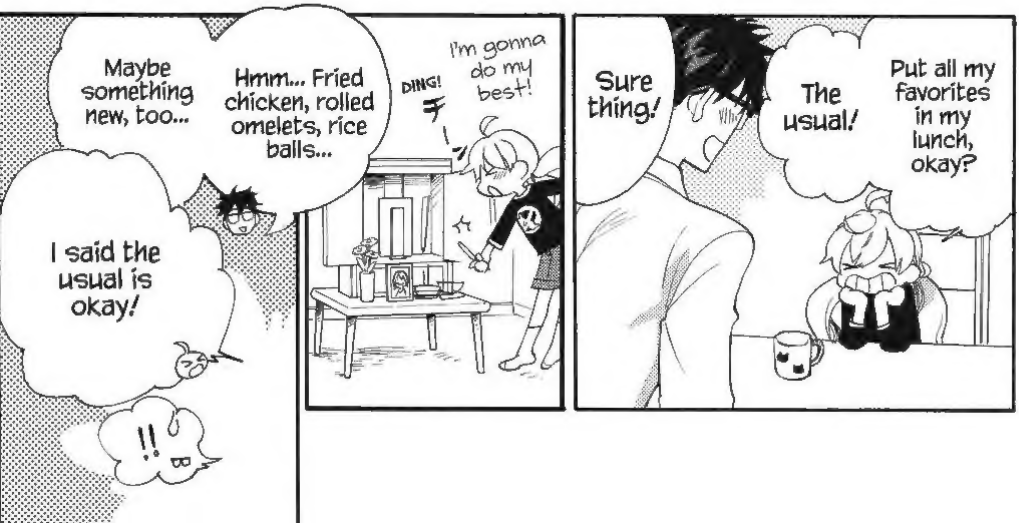
Carton: Yummy! Milk


Maybe something new, too...
Hmm... Fried chicken, rolled omelets, rice balls...
I said the usual is okay!
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DING!
I'm gonna do my best!
Sure thing!
The usual!
Put all my favorites in my lunch, okay?

Chapter 38 | Tonkatsu and Field Day

What happened, Tsumugi?
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A WRECK
ほ!!
CUTE
ふ
It stings...
I tripped during relay practice!
She got a scrape, so we disinfected it.
Change the bandage when she takes a bath, okay?
Whoa.
I slid like ZWAASHH!
SHIVER
YEEEP!
You're tough, Tsumugi.
Yup! And I'm fast, too!
Hmm...
But the baton!
The baton's pretty difficult.

I'm pretty average at running.
...
Yeah?
What about you, Daddy? Did you do a relay? Were you a runner? Do you run fast?
That's difficult, isn't it?
Pass-ing the baton, right?
Yeah!
Huh? This hand?
WRONG! Like this! This hand!
Then you switch it to the right hand!
Th-that I can do! I can help with the baton thing!
Teacher says if I practice with the baton every day I'll get better...
Let's eat dinner first, 'kay?
That was close!
Okay!
You're good!
SWOOSH
Like this?
SIZZLE

Practice every day, huh?
I see...
CHANCE ENCOUNTER
Thank you so much!
Guidance Counseling Office
RATTLE

Office
You got advice...
Yes!
Oh!
FIDGET
FIDGET
FIDGET
Yes.
I wanted to go someplace where I could get a certification, and as much hands-on practice as possible.
Is that right!
A cooking school?
Well...
What did your parents say?
...Returns
The Family Meeting...

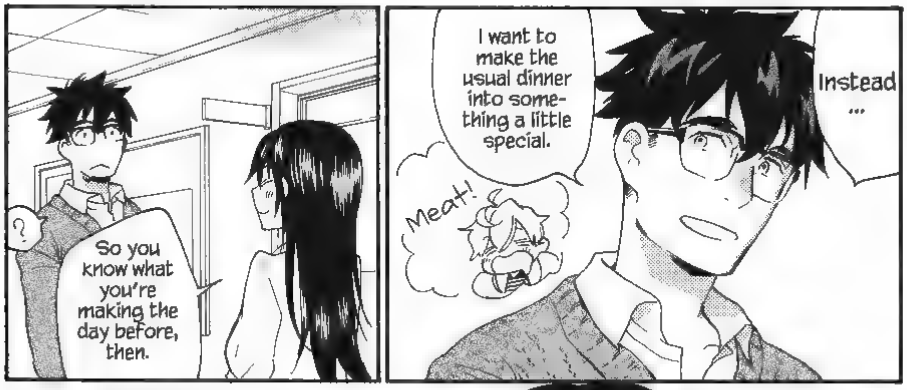
What's wrong with going on to college and trying something new?
I told you not to take such a narrow view of things, didn't I?
That's what I did in high school-- float along and have fun.
I know I will, actually.
Mom & Dad can kind of see that happening.
...if I go to college I'm just going to kind of float along...
I-I think...
...I want to try and study the thing I like most right now!
So from now on...

You insisted on keeping your dad's place from closing, too, didn't you?
...There were opportunities that I lost because of that.
She doesn't have to do the same thing I did.
Kotori is her own person.
Th-this place I chose lets you get a dietician's certification.
They also teach you how to run a business, not just about cooking!
And this one offers internships at a lot of good hotels and restaurants!
What I'm trying to say here is...
I don't see any problem.

Right?
And Kotori is going to choose to do what she wants to do.
SIGH...
Okay!
You won't be able to talk about how you're scared of knives anymore.
We're going to do a lot of practice.

Yeah!
That's great!
So that means...
...we're making time to practice!
Wow!
Tsumugi-chan is going to be in a relay?
?
Same as us.
Prac-tice, huh?
...but...
No, it's nothing really that big...

I'm a really slow runner, so I'm kind of jealous.
So am I.
Ha ha ha
So you're going to make her a lunch, huh?
Yup.
But she wants all her usual favorites in the lunch...
...so I'm not really making anything new.


Instead ...
I want to make the usual dinner into something a little special.
Meat!
So you know what you're making the day before, then.
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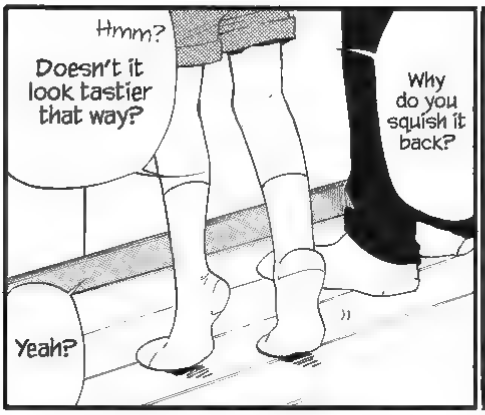
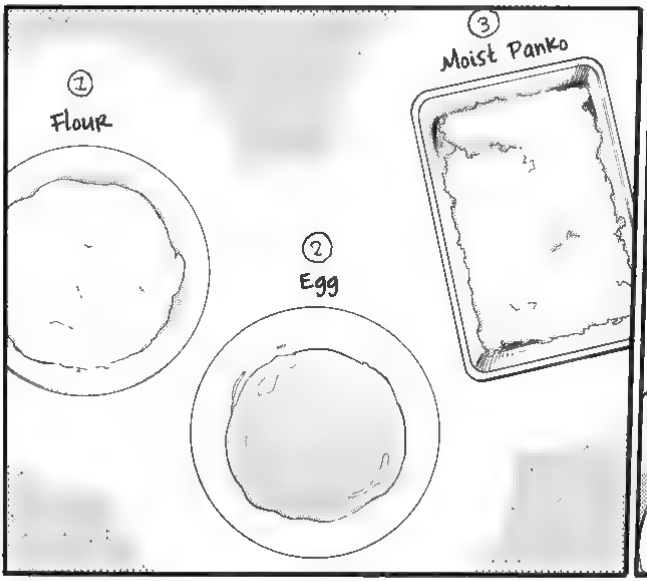
*A breaded pork cutlet. "Victory tonkatsu" is a play on the word "katsu," or "to win."

The Day Before
Really swing your arms!
Right, arms in closer
Tsu-mugi!
Help me with dinner.
Huff
Huff
GRAB
SWOOSH
So today...
...we're going to make some tonkatsu!
Ooh!
Meat!
Heh heh heh.
Tomorrow's field day, after all!

Well, today we're making some!
I know tonkatsu! I like it!
Ooh!
TONKATSU
Ingredients
PORK
Loin!
Pinch of Salt and Pepper
2 cm thick or so for tonkatsu 2 pieces
Some frying oil
Some flour
1 egg
Some moist panko crumbs
I see.
Cut in five or six places around here in the boundary between the meat and fat.
Then we use the tip of the knife to cut through the connective tissue.
TOK
TOK
I've taken it out of the fridge... I suppose this is good enough?
First... ...we let the pork warm up to room temperature.
SQUISH SQUISH
...squish the meat that got stretched out back to its original shape.
SQUISH
SQUISH
Salt and pepper both sides, then go like this and...
YEEK!
TUMP
TUMP
Then use something like a rolling pin...
...and we pound the meat!


Hmm?
Doesn't it look tastier that way?
Why do you squish it back?
Yeah?

Stretched
Squished
...it makes it thicker
If you squish it back.
Oh!
I see.
This looks more like it's supposed to.


1
Flour
2
Egg
3
Moist Panko

What do I do?
Okay, now it's your turn, Tsumugi-san!

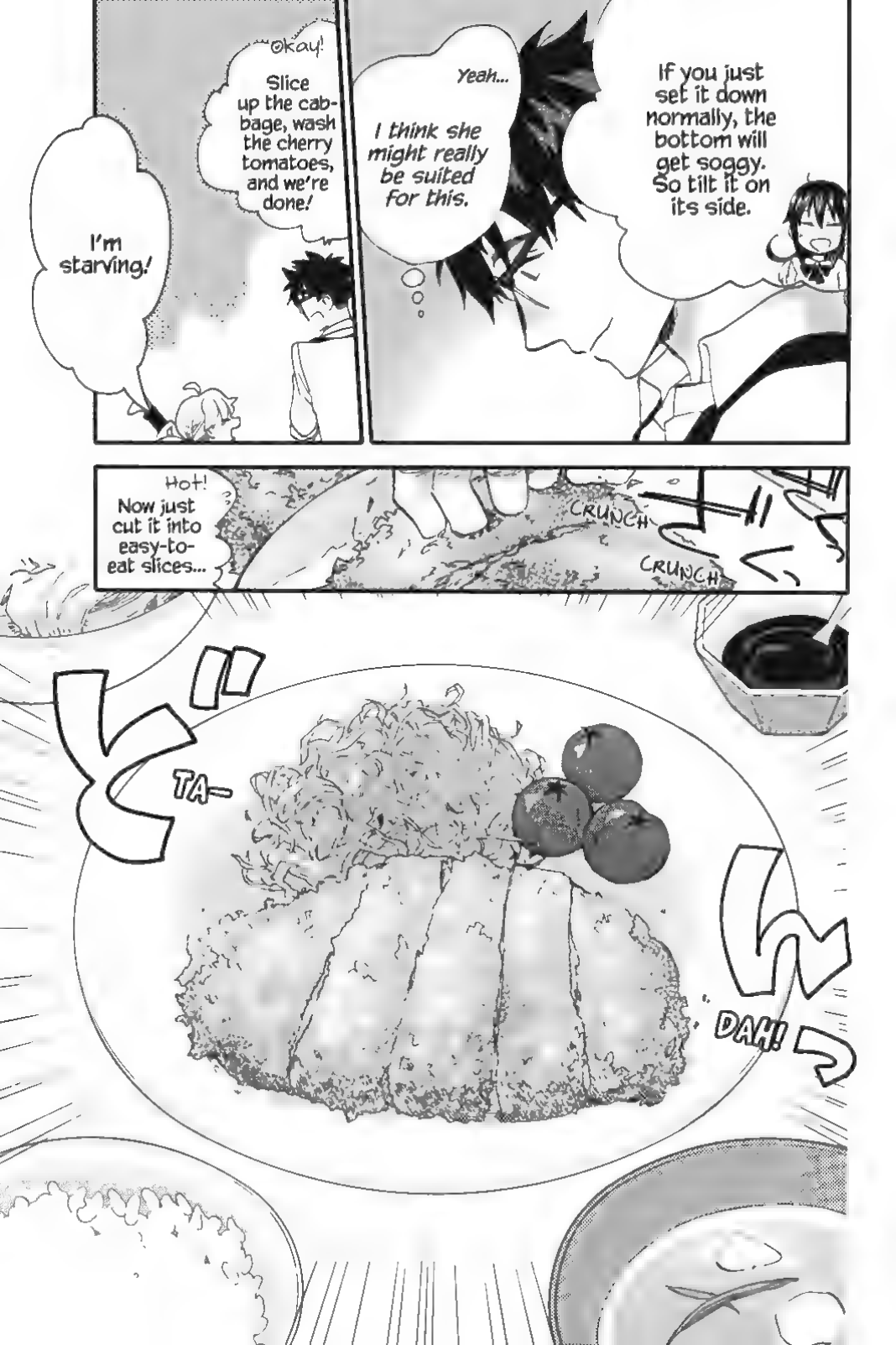
First the flour.
Cover it completely...
...and pat it thoroughly.
PAT
PAT

It's okay as long as you wash them really carefully!

Huh? I can put my hands in the egg?
Your job's to dip it in the egg in the center there.

Ooh...
Wah!
Now we pass the baton to the egg!
PLOP
Okay!
Now toss it here.
Toss!
It's fun 'cause...
...it's all slippery!
Right, just like that!
Try pressing down on it a little with your hands!
Then let it sit for a while, and...
Put on lots of panko. Don't be stingy.
Right!
Do the other cutlet now.
Okay!

Set the oil temperature to 170 degrees Celsius.
Looks good.
Beep beep
Hsoooosh
Stand it up on top of a wire grill, like this.
It's done?!
After three minutes, turn it over.
Then give it two more minutes.


I'm starving!
Okay! Slice up the cabbage, wash the cherry tomatoes, and we're done!
Yeah... I think she might really be suited for this.
If you just set it down normally, the bottom will get soggy. So tilt it on its side.
Hot! Now just cut it into easy-to-eat slices...
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
TA-
DAH!

Wow! It's huge!
It's done!

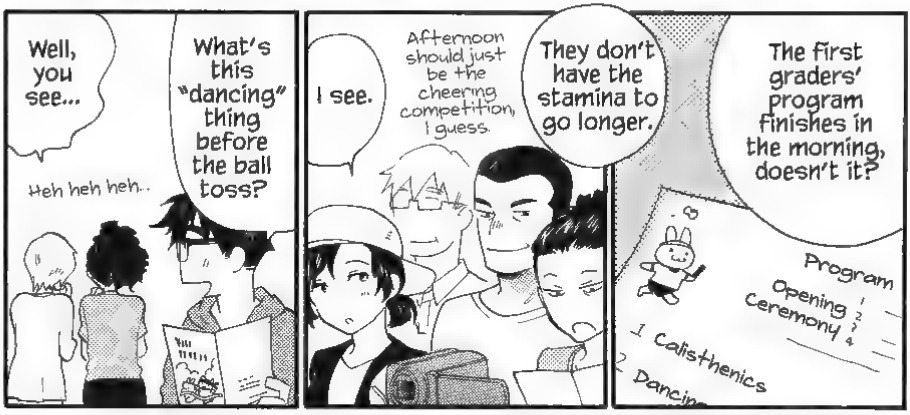
CRUNCH

You want a big meal the day before.
Is it okay to eat all this the day before?
I made some miso sauce too.
Pass the sauce please!

LET'S EAT!

Yum...
Meat!
It's so juicy!
The fatty part is so good!
CHOMP CHOMP
The meat's really tender, isn't it?!
Think you can win tomorrow?
Yup!

THRONG
FWEE-FWEEEET!
MURMUR
MURMUR
Spring Field Day
Now it's time...
...for the first graders to come on to the field!
YAAAAAAAAAAY!
Tweet!
Tweet!
Tweet!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP



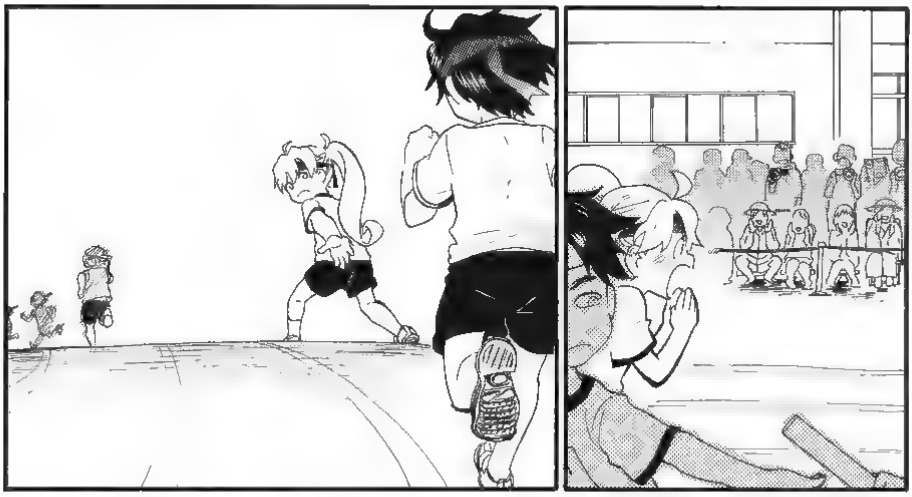
THUMP-THUMP-THUMP-THUMP CHAKAPOKO-CHAKAPOKO-CHAKAPOKO

CHAN-CHAN CHACHA CHAN-CHAHA

AAAAA
AAAA
All participants in the lower-grade relay race...
...please gather at the starting line.
1-1
Arisawa
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
Today, we're rivals!
I won't let you beat me!
Huh?
Yup yup.
Is that what they're like?
They're pretending to be rivals.

BANG
YOU CAN DO IT!
You can do it!
YAAAAAY!
You can do it!
On your marks...
Ready...
BA-DUM BA-DUM
ドキドキ
Tsumugi's the third runner, huh?
SMACK
He's the top runner!
YAAAAAAAAAY!
GO! GO!
Don't trip!
Mikio-kun's fast!
YOU CAN DO IT!
WAAAAAAAH!
WHOOPS!
BOUNCE
ぽろ。

YOU CAN DO IT!
WAH!
YAAAAAAAAAY!
YOU CAN DO IT!
CLAP
CLAP
Hang in there!
CLAP



GRIP

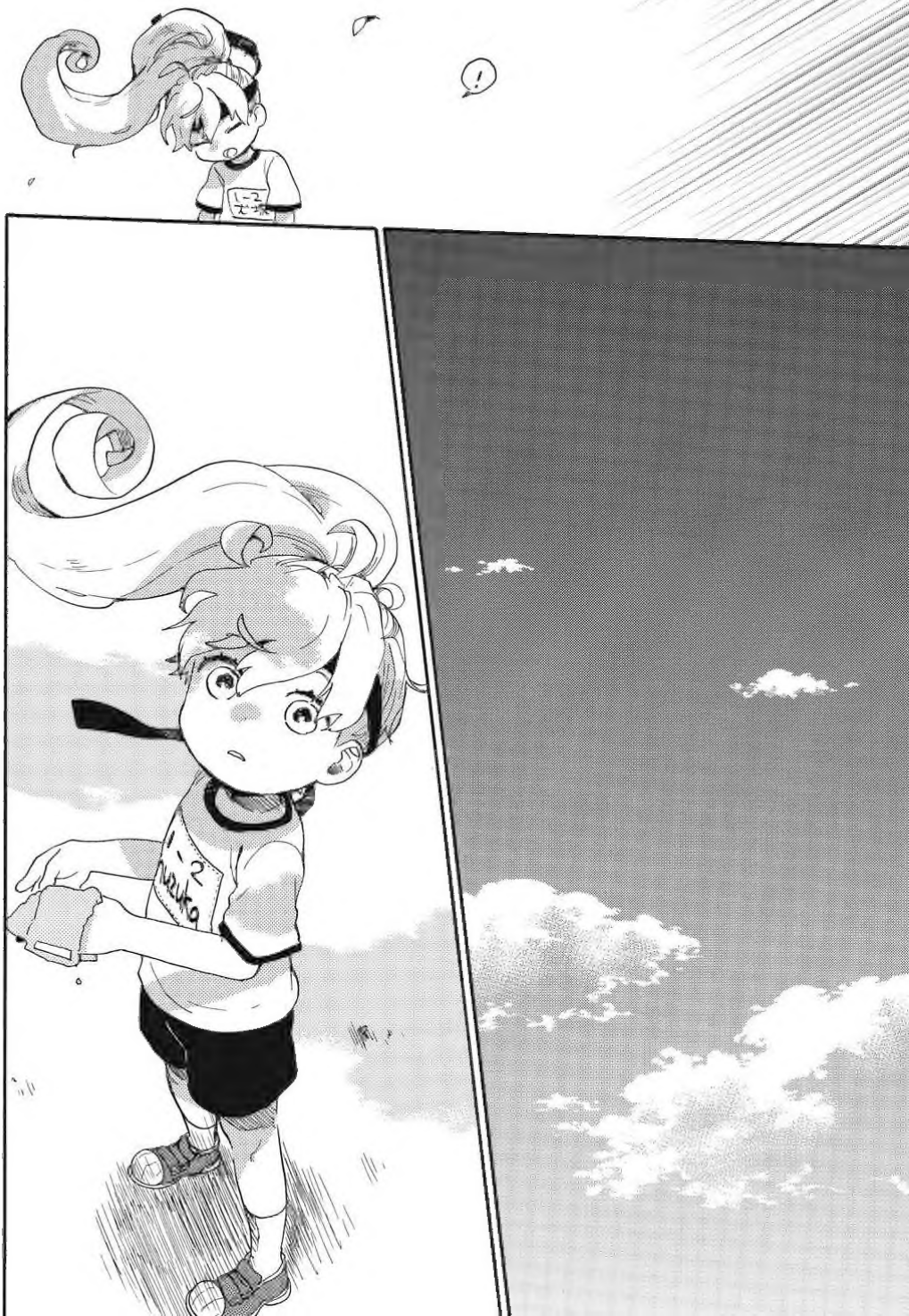
1 - 2
nuzuka

Go!
Go!
Go!
YAAAAAAAY!
Go!
Go!
Go!
Go!

You can do it, Tsumugi!
You can do it!

HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...
YAAAAAY!
THWACK

That concludes...
...this morning's program.
YAAAAAY!
Phewf...
Over here!
Mom! Dad!
Dad!
Listen to the loudspeaker carefully, okay?
Did you see?!
OKAY!
...you can have your lunches.
Once you've lined up and washed your hands...



Tsumugi!
Daddy!
Did you see?!

Let's eat!
I'm so hungry!
Tsumugi, you were fast and cool!
It's fine.
Sorry for dropping the baton.
Don't let it bug you.
1-2 Ushida
Th-this is really good, Inuzuka-san.
Y-you really think?
JEALOUS.
Want some fried chicken?
Sure.
It's so good!
Over there with my friends
Pass me the inari sushi!
I didn't record the part at the finish line...
Huh?
BLUSH
Cool!
You were so cool!
Yeah, you were cool!
Cool
...?
To be continued...